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September 17, 2014

Chris Wigington Superintendent Big Spring Independent School District 708 11<sup>th</sup> Place Big Spring, Texas 79720

Dear Superintendent Wigington:

On July 24, 2014, the Comptroller issued written notice that Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC (the applicant) submitted a completed application (Application #1017) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313<sup>1</sup>. This application was originally submitted on July 14, 2014, to the Big Spring Independent School District (the school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

#### Determination required by 313.025(h)

Sec. 313.024(a)	Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.
Sec. 313.024(b)	Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.
Sec. 313.024(d)	Applicant has committed to create the required number of new qualifying jobs
	and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the
	county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.
Sec. 313.024(d-2)	Not applicable to Application #1017

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

#### Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period. See Attachment B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

#### Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. See Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-286) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement within a year from the date of this letter.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of July 24, 2014, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Robert Wood, director of Economic Development & Analysis Division, by email at robert.wood@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-3973, or direct in Austin at 512-463-3973.

Sincerely.

Martin A. Hubert
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Robert Wood

### **Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis**

This following tables summarizes the Comptroller's economic impact analysis of Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC (the project) applying to Big Spring Independent School District (the district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

Table 1 is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC.

Applicant	Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy - Wind
School District	Big Spring ISD
2012-13 Enrollment in School District	4,180
County	Howard County
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$169,200,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$169,200,000
Limitation Amount	\$30,000,000
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	6
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	7
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$965
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)	\$965
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$50,186.40
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$28,200,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$17,263,036
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$7,635,579
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$9,627,457
* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).	

Table 2 is the estimated statewide economic impact of Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC (modeled).

		Employment			Personal Income	
	141	Indirect +				
Year	Direct	Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2015	174	233	407	\$8,701,122	\$16,298,878	\$25,000,000
2016	6	58	64	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2017	6	57	63	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2018	6	55	61	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2019	6	53	59	\$301,122	\$4,698,878	\$5,000,000
2020	6	49	55	\$301,122	\$4,698,878	\$5,000,000
2021	6	51	57	\$301,122	\$4,698,878	\$5,000,000
2022	6	47	53	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2023	6	43	49	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2024	6	39	45	\$301,122	\$4,698,878	\$5,000,000
2025	6	45	51	\$301,122	\$5,698,878	\$6,000,000
2026	6	41	47	\$301,122	\$6,698,878	\$7,000,000
2027	6	47	53	\$301,122	\$6,698,878	\$7,000,000
2028	6	49	55	\$301,122	\$6,698,878	\$7,000,000
2029	6	41	47	\$301,122	\$6,698,878	\$7,000,000

Source: CPA, REMI, Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC

Table 3 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	Big Spring ISD I&S Tax Levy 0.3300	Big Spring ISD M&O Tax Levy	Big Spring ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Howard County Tax Levy 0.3598	Howard College Tax Levy 0.2037	Permian Basin Water Conservation District Tax Levy 0.0067	Estimated Total Property Taxes
2015	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0		\$0
2016	\$169,200,000	\$169,200,000		\$558,360		\$2,452,554				\$3,417,464
2017	\$157,356,000	\$157,356,000		\$519,275		\$2,280,875		\$320,594		\$3,417,404
2017	\$146,341,080	\$146,341,080		\$482,926						
-						\$2,121,214				\$2,955,765
2019	\$136,097,204	\$136,097,204		\$449,121	\$1,523,608	\$1,972,729				\$2,748,861
2020	\$126,570,400	\$126,570,400		\$417,682		\$1,834,638				\$2,556,441
2021	\$117,710,472	\$117,710,472		\$388,445	\$1,317,769	\$1,706,213	\$423,555	\$239,821	\$7,901	\$2,377,490
2022	\$109,470,739	\$109,470,739		\$361,253	\$1,225,525	\$1,586,778	\$393,906	\$223,033	\$7,348	\$2,211,066
2023	\$101,807,787	\$101,807,787		\$335,966	\$1,139,738	\$1,475,704	\$366,333	\$207,421	\$6,833	\$2,056,291
2024	\$94,681,242	\$94,681,242		\$312,448	\$1,059,957	\$1,372,405	\$340,690	\$192,902	\$6,355	\$1,912,351
2025	\$88,053,555	\$88,053,555		\$290,577	\$985,760	\$1,276,336	\$316,841	\$179,399	\$5,910	\$1,778,486
2026	\$81,889,806	\$81,889,806		\$270,236	\$916,756	\$1,186,993				\$1,653,992
2027	\$76,157,520	\$76,157,520		\$251,320	\$852,583	\$1,103,903				\$1,538,213
2028	\$70,826,494	\$70,826,494		\$233,727		\$1,026,630				\$1,430,538
2029	\$65,868,639	\$65,868,639		\$217,367	\$737,399	\$954,766				\$1,330,400
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					Total	\$22,351,738	\$5,548,659	\$3,141,703	\$103,501	\$31,145,602

Source: CPA, Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC

<sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Table 4 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Howard County, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from the application. The project has

applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatements with the county and Howard College. The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O		Big Spring ISD I&S Tax Levy	Big Spring ISD M&O Tax Levy	Big Spring ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Howard County Tax Levy		Permian Basin Water Conservation District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
	G.		Tax Rate	0.3300	1.1195		0.3598	0.2037	0.0067	
2015	\$0	\$0	54	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2016	\$169,200,000	\$169,200,000		\$558,360	\$1,894,194	\$2,452,554	\$608,829	\$344,725	\$11,357	\$3,417,464
2017	\$157,356,000	\$30,000,000		\$519,275	\$335,850	\$855,125	\$113,242	\$96,178	\$10,562	\$1,075,107
2018	\$146,341,080			\$482,926	\$335,850	\$818,776	\$105,315	\$89,446	\$9,822	\$1,023,359
2019	\$136,097,204	\$30,000,000		\$449,121	\$335,850	\$784,971	\$97,943	\$83,185	\$9,135	\$975,233
2020	\$126,570,400	\$30,000,000		\$417,682	\$335,850	\$753,532	\$91,087	\$77,362	\$8,495	\$930,476
2021	\$117,710,472	\$30,000,000		\$388,445	\$335,850	\$724,295	\$84,711	\$71,946	\$7,901	\$888,853
2022	\$109,470,739	\$30,000,000		\$361,253	\$335,850	\$697,103	\$78,781	\$66,910	\$7,348	\$850,142
2023	\$101,807,787	\$30,000,000		\$335,966	\$335,850	\$671,816	\$73,267	\$62,226	\$6,833	\$814,142
2024	\$94,681,242	\$30,000,000		\$312,448	\$335,850	\$648,298	\$68,138	\$57,871	\$6,355	\$780,662
2025	\$88,053,555	\$30,000,000		\$290,577	\$335,850	\$626,427	\$63.368	\$53,820	\$5,910	\$749,525
2026	\$81,889,806	\$30,000,000		\$270,236	\$335,850	\$606,086	\$58,932	\$50,052	\$5,496	\$720,567
2027	\$76,157,520	\$76,157,520		\$251,320	\$852,583	\$1,103,903	\$274,036	\$155,162	\$5,112	\$1,538,213
2028	\$70,826,494	\$70,826,494		\$233,727	\$792,903	\$1,026,630	\$254,854	\$144,300	\$4,754	\$1,430,538
2029	\$65,868,639	\$65,868,639		\$217,367	\$737,399	\$954,766	\$237,014	\$134,199	\$4,421	\$1,330,400
					Total	\$12,724,282	\$2,209,518	\$1,487,381	\$103,501	\$16,524,682
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Source: CPA, Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC <sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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#### Attachment B - Tax Revenue over 25 Years

This represents the Comptroller's determination that GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY, LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
Limitation	2014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pre-Years	2015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
116-16013	2016	\$1,894,194	\$1,894,194	\$0	\$0
	2017	\$335,850	\$2,230,044	\$1,425,750	\$1,425,750
	2018	\$335,850	\$2,565,894	\$1,302,438	\$2,728,189
	2019	\$335,850	\$2,901,744	\$1,187,758	\$3,915,947
	2020	\$335,850	\$3,237,594	\$1,081,106	\$4,997,053
Limitation Period	2021	\$335,850	\$3,573,444	\$981,919	\$5,978,971
(10 Years)	2022	\$335,850	\$3,909,294	\$889,675	\$6,868,646
	2023	\$335,850	\$4,245,144	\$803,888	\$7,672,534
	2024	\$335,850	\$4,580,994	\$724,107	\$8,396,641
	2025	\$335,850	\$4,916,844	\$649,910	\$9,046,551
	2026	\$335,850	\$5,252,694	\$580,906	\$9,627,457
	2027	\$852,583	\$6,105,277	\$0	\$9,627,457
Maintain Viable	2028	\$792,903	\$6,898,180	\$0	\$9,627,457
Presence	2029	\$737,399	\$7,635,579	\$0	\$9,627,457
(5 Years)	2030	\$685,781	\$8,321,361	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2031	\$637,777	\$8,959,138	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2032	\$593,132	\$9,552,270	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2033	\$551,613	\$10,103,883	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2034	\$513,000	\$10,616,883	\$0	\$9,627,457
Additional Years	2035	\$477,090	\$11,093,974	\$0	\$9,627,457
as Required by	2036	\$443,694	\$11,537,667	\$0	\$9,627,457
313.026(c)(1)	2037	\$412,635	\$11,950,303	\$0	\$9,627,457
(10 Years)	2038	\$383,751	\$12,334,054	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2039	\$356,888	\$12,690,942	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2040	\$331,906	\$13,022,848	\$0	\$9,627,457
	2041	\$308,673	\$13,331,521	\$0	\$9,627,457
		\$13,331,521	is greater than	\$9,627,457	
Analysis Summary					
		to generate tax revenuitation agreement?	e in an amount sufficier	nt to offset the M&O	Yes

Source: CPA, GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY, LLC

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#### Attachment C - Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that "the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state." This represents the basis for the Comptroller's determination.

#### Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

#### **Determination**

The Comptroller has **determined** that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- According to the company, Invenergy maintains a large portfolio of wind developments across the
  country, including the nearby states of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas, all with similar wind
  resources and competitive regulatory environments.
- Per the company, Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC is specific to tis location in Texas; the
  economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and
  outside of Texas.
- Per the applicant, Gunsight has begun typical due course, early stage due diligence to explore
  feasibility of constructing a wind facility at this site. Certain contracts have been executed
  however none of the contracts obligate Gunsight to construct the project.

#### **Supporting Information**

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

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# **Supporting Information**

Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value



# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

\$	SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024				
1.	Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?	<b>√</b>	Yes		No
2.	The property will be used for one of the following activities:	fraul		ļ	
	(1) manufacturing		Yes	$\checkmark$	No
	(2) research and development		Yes	<b>√</b>	No
	(3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code		Yes	1	No
	(4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code		Yes	1	No
	(5) renewable energy electric generation	1	Yes		No
	(6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology		Yes	1	No
	(7) nuclear electric power generation		Yes	1	No
	(8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7)		Yes	1	No
	(9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051	lana de la constante de la con	Yes	./	No
3	Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?		Yes		
				٧	No
		L	Yes	<b>V</b>	No
	Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?		Yes	<b>√</b>	No
	Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?		Yes	1	No
7.	Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment?		Yes	1	No
8	SECTION 7: Project Description	10 10			100
-	In Tab 4, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of	of real :	and tar	igible i	per-
	sonal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.				
2.	Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:				
	✓ Land has no existing improvements Land has existing improvements (complete S	ection	13)		
	Expansion of existing operation on the land (complete Section 13)  Relocation within Texas				
\$	SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor			500	100
1.	Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur?		Yes	1	No
2.	Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?	1	Yes		No
3.	Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?		Yes	1	No
4.	Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location?		Yes	1	No
5.	Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site?		Yes	1	No
6.	Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site?		Yes	./	No
7.	Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?	1	Yes		No
	Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison		100		110
-	with other alternative investment opportunities?		Yes	1	No
9.	Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project?		Yes	1	No
10	Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?	1	Yes		No
Ch	hapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirm nder Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5	native (	determ	inatio	n

# **Supporting Information**

Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value



# Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC Chapter 313 Application to Big Spring ISD

#### **CHECKLIST ITEM #5**

Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor

Section 8, #2: Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?

Gunsight has begun typical due course, early stage due diligence to explore feasibility of constructing a wind facility at this site. As such, certain contracts have been executed, including agreements to site and install meteorological monitoring equipment, lease and easement agreements with landowners, contracts with environmental contractors to explore environmental impacts of the proposed project, and an Interconnection Agreement with the transmission provider. None of these contracts obligate Gunsight to construct the project.

Section 8, #7: Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?

Invenergy maintains a large portfolio of wind developments across the country, including in the nearby states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas, all with similar wind resources and competitive regulatory environments. While the project entity, Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC, is specific to this location in Texas, the economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. Invenergy has limited capital, human, and turbine resources, and must pick the best projects to advance as a company each year. The economic return is a primary input for this decision.

# **Supporting Information**

Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**1001 BIRDWELL LANE** 

**BIG SPRING, TEXAS** 

#### **HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING

**TIME**: 11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Public Hearing followed by

Regular Meeting

DATE: Monday, July 28, 2014 PLACE: Tumbleweed Room

Student Union Building

#### AGENDA

Howard College will convene as posted to consider and take formal action, if necessary, on the following agenda items:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PUBLIC HEARING
  - A. Tax Abatement Agreement for the Purpose of Granting Tax Abatement to Invenergy Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC
- III. RECONVENE
  - A. Invocation
  - B. Recognition of Guests
- IV. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS
  - A. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 23, 2014
  - B. Financials for June 2014
  - C. Monthly Reports of Auxiliary Services
  - D. Personnel Matters
  - E. Internal Audit Report
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Nomination for Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors Vacancy
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Visioning/Future Directions
    - 1. Application for Tax Abatement Submitted by Invenergy Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC
    - Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Invenergy Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC
    - Resolution Approving Tax Abatement Agreement with Invenergy Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC and Authorizing the Board Chairman to Execute the Tax Abatement Agreement on Behalf of Howard College
    - 4. Special Initiatives
      - a. Big Spring Area
        - 1. Dental Hygiene Renovation Project Update
      - b. San Angelo
        - 1. Construction Update
      - c. SWCID
        - 1. Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Project Update
  - Legislative Appropriation Request
  - B. Performance Measures/Outcomes
    - 1. Gift Resolutions
      - a. Big Spring Area Community Foundation
      - b. Robinson Drilling of Texas, Ltd.
      - c. San Angelo Health Foundation
    - 2. Quarterly Investment Report
    - 3. Accountability Measures
      - a. Summer II Enrollment
    - 4. Adult Education and Literacy Grants
  - C. Monitoring
    - 1. Bids
      - a. SmartSim Hygiene Models-Big Spring (Donor Funded)
      - Technology for Academic and Student Services Building-San Angelo (Grant Funded)
      - c. Technology for Academic and Student Services Building-San Angelo (Grant Funded)
    - 2. Handbook and Catalog Changes
    - President's Report
      - a. Upcoming Activities
      - b. Recognitions
  - D. Board Education and Development
    - Texas Association of Community Colleges Update
    - 2. Budget Update
  - E. Meeting Evaluation and Future Agenda Items
- VII. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD
- VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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# **System Planning**

Monthly Status Report February 2013

# Report Highlights

- ERCOT is currently tracking 162 active generation interconnection requests totaling over 48,000 MW. This includes over 21,000 MW of wind generation.
- ERCOT is currently reviewing proposed transmission improvements with a total cost of \$261 Million
- Transmission Projects endorsed in 2013 total \$138 Million
- All projects (in engineering, routing, licensing and construction) total approximately \$9.97 Billion.
- Transmission Projects energized in 2012 total about \$854.2 million.

# 1.4 Projects with Interconnection Agreements

INR	Site Name	County	COD	Fuel	MW For Grid	Change from Last Report
08INR0049	Bobcat Bluff	Clay	Mar-13	Wind	163	Date
11INR0033	Los Vientos	Cameron	Mar-13	Wind	400	Date
12INR0075	Blue Summit Windfarm	Wilbarger	Apr-13	Wind	135	Date
09INR0001	Sandy Creek 1	McLennan	Арг-13	Coal	925	
06INR0006	Cobisa-Greenville	Hunt	May-13	Gas	1,792	
12INR0086	WA Parish Addition	Fort Bend	May-13	Gas	89	
12INR0016a	Las Brisas Energy Center	Nueces	May-13	PetCoke	660	Cancelled
12INR0016b	Las Brisas Energy Center	Nueces	May-13	PetCoke	660	Cancelled
10INR0089	Deepwater Energy Storage	Harris	Jul-13	Storage	40	Date
13INR0058	OCI Alamo 1	Bexar	Oct-13	Solar	50	Date
14INR0030a2	Panhandle Wind	Carson	Nov-13	Wind	322	
11INR0013	Goldthwaite Wind Energy	Mills	Dec-13	Wind	150	Date
11INR0054	Midway Farms Wind	San Patricio	Dec-13	Wind	161	
12INR0034	Stephens Ranch Wind Energy	Borden	Dec-13	Wind	378	
14INR0015	Deer Park Energy Center	Harris	Jun-14	Gas	192	
14INR0016	Channel Energy Center 138/345kV CT	Harris	Jun-14	Gas	190	New
13INR0021	Ferguson Replacement Project	Llano	Jun-14	Gas	116	Date
10INR0020a	Panda Temple Power	Bell	Aug-14	Gas	809	
10INR0021	Panda Sherman Power	Grayson	Aug-14	Gas	809	
13INR0040	Agrifos Steam Unit (PUN)	Harris	Aug-14	Gas	0	New
11INR0050	Moore Wind 1	Crosby	Aug-14	Wind	149	
13INR0010a	Mariah Wind	Parmer	Oct-14	Wind	200	New
14INR0023	Longhorn Energy Center	Briscoe	Dec-14	Wind	361	
13INR0005	Conway Windfarm	Carson	Dec-14	Wind	600	
06INR0022c	Penascal Wind Farm 3	Kenedy	Dec-14	Wind	202	
09INR0051	Mesquite Creek	Borden	Mar-15	Wind	249	
08INR0018	Gunsight Mountain	Howard	Aug-15	Wind	120	
L3INRO010b	Mariah Wind	Parmer	Oct-15	Wind	200	New
13INR0023	Texas Clean Energy Project	Ector	Jan-16	Coal	240	
LOINRO020b	Panda Temple Power	Bell	May-16	Gas	780	
10INR0022	Pondera King Power Project	Harris	Jun-16	Gas	1,380	
13INR0010c	Mariah Wind	Parmer	Oct-16	Wind	200	New

# 1.5 Generation Projects Undergoing Full Interconnection Studies with Confidentiality Waived by Developer

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Plant plant unit name	County	Prime fuel
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Sandy Creek Energy Station	McLennan	Bituminous coal
Red Gate Power Plant	Hidalgo	Natural gas
Pflugerville Solar	Travis	Solar
Parish	Fort Bend	Natural gas
Bryan Solar	Presidio	Solar
Lake Arlington Hydro	Tarrant	Hydro
Stephens Wind	Lynn	Wind
San Antonio Solar	Bexar	Solar
20	14	
Pantex Wind	Potter	Wind
Mt Pleasant	Titus	Natural gas
Mt Pleasant	Titus	Natural gas
Channel Energy Center	Harris	Natural gas
Deer Park Energy Center	Harris	Natural gas
Spinning Spur Wind Ranch	Oldham	Wind
Red Gate Power Plant	Hidalgo	Natural gas
P H Robinson Peaker Plant	Galveston	Natural gas
South Texas Waste Facility	Harris	Tire-derived fuels
Windwood Wind Farm	Bee	Wind
T.C. Ferguson	Llano	Natural gas
Panda Temple Generating Station	Bell	Natural gas
Woodville Biomass	Tyler	Wood
South Plains Wind	Floyd	Wind
East Side	El Paso	Natural gas
Petronila Wind Farm	Nueces	Wind
Patriot Wind Farm	Nueces	Wind
Montana Plant	El Paso	Natural gas
20	15	
Antelope Power Station	Hale	Natural gas
Floydada Station	Floyd	Natural gas
Victoria (NUCOASTAL)	Victoria	Natural gas

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Fort Bliss Solar	El Paso	Solar
Cobisa Greenville	Hunt	Natural gas
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# Wind farm major topic for HC board

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abatement.

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"They have not made a proposal (for tax abatement) at this time," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president. "They were in town and wanted to tell us about the project."

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